

Dear Mr.:

Thank you for your memorandum of June 3, 1952, which raises the question of the possible expansion of the activities of the Department under its responsibilities in NSCIB 10.

This Agency has under review the adequacy of the collection of such intelligence information from overt sources abroad as is of interest to our office. When completed I would like our representatives to discuss what can be done about inadequacies which we see and this Agency will want to render every assistance possible.

Specifically, with reference to NSCIB 10, I would propose that you consider the following:

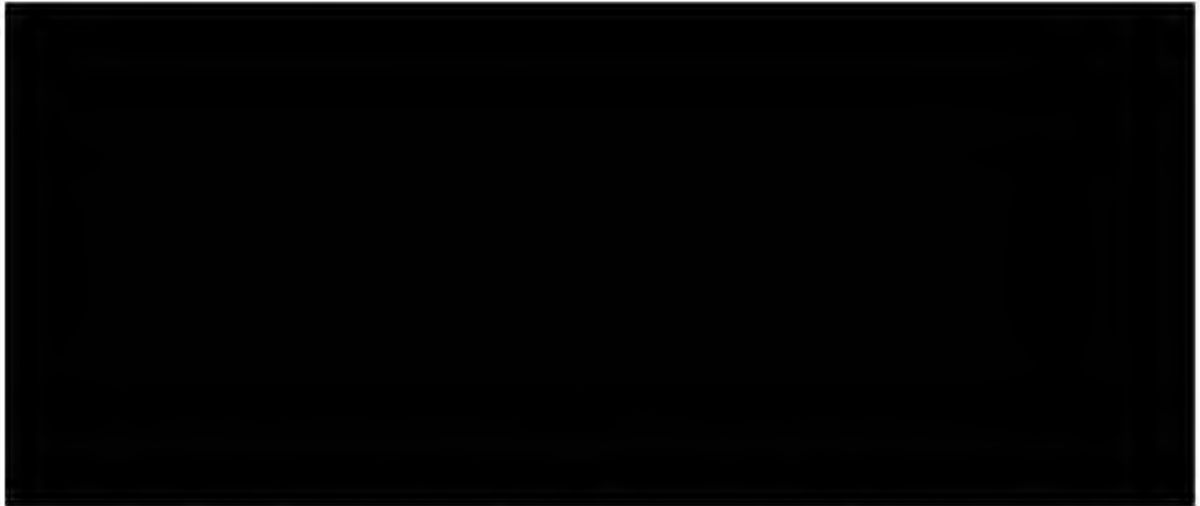
1. The Agency regrets that the Department finds it advisable to keep the collection of basic scientific information on the part of the Science Advisor and attaches aloof from intelligence. It is believed that the Office of the Science Advisor and the Science Attaches need not jeopardize their work by an appropriate relationship with intelligence.
2. There must be adequate briefing of outgoing scientific attaches on specific intelligence requirements, if NSCIB 10 is to be effectively implemented.
3. Because of the responsibility of CIA in the production of scientific intelligence, it is suggested that the Department might usefully consult the Agency on its suggestions for attaches or its view on proposed attaches even as the Department of Commerce is consulted with respect to our economic attaches.

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If agreeable with you, it is suggested that our representatives meet to discuss this matter further and work out whatever detailed arrangements seem necessary.

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